Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— A poll, Sir.

POLL.

Noes.	Ayes.
1 Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.	1 Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon
2 ,, C. R, Iyyunni.	2 ,, D'Souza Williams.
3 ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.	3 Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.
4 ,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.	4 ,, K. Ayyappan.
5 ,, P. Govinda Menon.	5 ,, P. C. Varkey.
	6 ,, A. Sivarama Menon.
	7 Dr. A. R. Menon.
	8 Mr. P. Sankunni Menon.
	9 ,, GeorgeParakkal.
	10 ,, V. K. Kutty.
	11 ,, K. S. Manickam.
	12 ,, M. V. Cherian.
	13 ,, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.
	14 ,, V. S. Krishnan Vaidyan.
	15 ,, K. P. Kannan Nayar.
	16 ,, K. Achyuta Menon.
	17 ,, P. J. George.
	18 ,, Thomas Manjuran.
	19 Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.
	20 Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon.
	21 Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.
	22 Mr. T. Narayana Menon.
	23 Capt: A. R. Poduval.
	24 Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar,
	25 Rama Varmha Tampuran.
	26 Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.
	27 Mr. K. Narayana Menon.
	28 ,, K. Krishna Warriar.
	29 ,, A. Sankara Menon.
	30 ,, E. F. Norman.
	31 ,, C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.
	32 ,, A. Eachara Menon.

The House rose for lunch at 1—30 p. m. and re-assembled at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

25. Rs. 25000 under "29 A. Civil Engineering—B. O."

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 25,000 under

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29—A Civil Engineering. The necessity for this grant is for the construction of a building for the Training School at Trichur to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram. It has been found that the public offices at Ramavarmapuram being at present held in unsuitable buildings and in a remote locality it is not conducive to exact proper work from officers. So it has been decided that the Public Offices at Ramavarmapuram should be shifted to a central place in Trichur. For the purpose of this shifting the grant is needed. The work has been started already. The estimates come to about 26 thousand rupees. It is proposed that the work should be completed before the re-opening of the schools. I request the House to grant this additional allotment.

Motion No. 6.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 25,000 under "29 Civil Engineering B. O." (No necessity for shifting of Public Offices etc. at present.)*

Sir, I move to omit the allotment of Rs. 25,000 for the building of the Training Institution at Ramavarmapuram. My first point is that there is no necessity for shifting the public office as contemplated in the proceedings. We were not yet given any convincing reasons which necessitated the removal of the public offices to Trichur and also the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram. The only two grounds alleged by the Hon'ble mover, so far as I am able to understand him is that the officers are not able to exact the proper amount of work from their subordinates and secondly that it is an accomplished fact in the sense that the work of the proposed building has been already started. The tragic history of this Ramavarmapuram is very familiar to this House and I do not think that I need repeat it here. To put it briefly, this Ramavarmapuram has been the grave yard of some of the big schemes of the State. You wanted once to start a leper asylum near that place and spent a lot of money over it. You gave it up after a few years and then you took up that big college scheme which would have ultimately developed into an All KeralaUniversity, a big scheme costing 20 lakhs and spent about 5 lakhs, purchased lands to the extent of 500 acres and constructed buildings costing about 2 to 3 lakhs of rupees. Then you resolved not to shift the college there and to retain it at Ernakulam itself. In order probably to justify the retention of the college here, or for any

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other reason it was decided to shift the public offices to Ramavarmapuram. I raised my voice of protest then and requested the Government to keep that place as a monument of the great folly committed by them. The Government did not pay any heed to my feeble voice. They shifted the public offices to that place, remodelled the old buildings intended for the hostels by converting small rooms into double and treble rooms, spent thousands of rupees for the remodelling and for levelling the ground and constructing other buildings. Thus after carrying these on there for seven years now you come and tell us that you cannot extract sufficient work from your subordinate staff and that you want to go to Trichur and in order to find accomodation for you, you want to shift the Training Institution to that place. I would once again protest with my feeble voice not to take the Training Institution lest it should be yet another grave yard of another big scheme of the Government. You can if you think that your Heads of Departments are so hopeless and incapable that they are not able to exact work and if by removal of these offices alone you can get proper work done by them, do it, but, do not remove the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram. Look at the cost that will be involved. Here you come for an additional grant of Rs. 25,000. I say it is only the thin end of the wedge. You will come again and say that a compound wall has to be put up, and then you will require additional buildings and equipments. Again, Sir, you will come and say that the Training Institution is such a small building that you cannot house all the seven departments in it. Then you will have to acquire the neighbouring lands at prohibitive cost. I therefore say that it will be the height of folly if you try to shift these institutions. There is another argument which the present Government very frequently uses, the argument of "fait accompli". Yes, I shall cite any number of instances. They decide things without consulting us and say that they have started the work and that it is too late to withdraw. Otherwise I ask, why did they give the work on contract before the additional grant is voted by this House. This also incidentally shows the scant respect with which they treat the opinion of this House I therefore say it is a very suicidal policy to allow the Government to spend this 25,000 rupees in Ramavarmapuram. It was also the duty of the Government to tell us why they were not able to carry on at Ramavarmapuram, what the real trouble is and what would be the ultimate expenditure that will have to be met in shifting the institutions. Again, Sir, look at the inconvenience caused to the public. About three or four

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hundred pupil teachers go for training every year. These poor teachers get only half their pay during the period of training — many of them mainly depend upon the private tuitions that they are able to get in a town like Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).— It is prohibited.

Mr. E. IKkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—It may be. But all the same they are depending upon that. Then there is the question of finding accommodation in Trichur for about 600 boys and girls who are now studying in the present Training School. Where are you going to accommodate them? You have to provide additional class rooms when you open new divisions in some of the existing institutions. In any case you will have to spend more money. I therefore say that for these and other reasons the House should not be a party to the scheme of shifting the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram. If the Government really wanted to ascertain public opinion they should have taken the House into confidence before they started the construction of the building. The only argument is "give us this grant because we have started the work". The way in which the Government have approached us is highly objectionable and reprehensible. I submit that this House should not give its consent to the grant asked for.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know what the expenditure of shifting the offices to the town will be?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).— The total expenditure involved in the shifting of the offices will be about 25 thousand rupees. Estimates have been prepared for 28,000 rupees. The total expenditure of shifting both these institutions will be about 25,000 rupees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).— May I know whether the shifting of the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram has ever been placed before the Advisory Board on Education?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).— This question has been gone into in a joint report between myself and the Director of Public Instruction and we were of opinion that there is no harm in shifting the Training School to Ramavarmapuram.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—My inquiry is whether the question of shifting has been placed before the Advisory Board on Education.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know how many institutions have to be shifted to Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—All the offices now at Ramavarmapuram, viz., The Comptroller's Office, The Conservator's Office, the Co-operative Registrar's Office, etc. etc.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—Will there be sufficient accommodation for locating all these offices in the present Training Institution?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—Without any further expenditure of money?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Yes.

* **Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Pallippuram.*)—Sir, I rise to support the motion moved by Mr. Warriar. Sir, it seems to me that there is no limit to the bungling of Cochin Government. They have been bungling for the last 10 years with this wretched Anappara. They started schemes after schemes, squandered away public money in a most reckless manner thereby showing that this Government is responsible to no one but to themselves. The custom here is that when one Diwan comes he upsets all that has been done by his predecessor. As Mr. Warriar pointed out, this began as a leper asylum first. I do not know who suggested this. I am sure it is not the Chief Medical Officer. It is only a few miles away from Trichur and it is not at all advisable to have a leper asylum near a growing town. If he had recommended it it is certainly a mistake. That question was dropped and later on a Committee was appointed to go into this question as to how to make use of this building. I was one of those in the Committee. We gave two alternative suggestions. We recommended one Central Hospital for the whole of the State. That is one suggestion. The other is to

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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locate the reserve police quarters at that place. Later on agitation started regarding the college scheme and four and a half lakhs of rupees were spent on the construction of hostels. After that as a result of agitation and as a result of the change of person and as a result of so many other things, petty jealousies, meaness — I deliberately make that statement — as a result of all these things, unheard of things, there was a sudden change and the college question was dropped. As a last resort they caught hold of a gentleman Mr. Dann and he submitted a report. The sum and substance of the report is, if there is the objection of having less place in Ernakulam there is too much space at Anappara where we have 500 acres of land at a high level fit for rubber estates. It is fortunate that they have not cut down the rubber trees in the neighbouring estates. After having done all these things they removed the objection for the College. The objection is what is to be done with these buildings. There is a building there, how to make use of it is the problem. The order was issued that the office at Chalakkudi at the foot of the mountains should go to Anappara and then a number of subsidiary offices also were removed there. Sir, an objection was raised I believe in this House that it will be very inconvenient to the public to go three or four miles to transact business with the Government Departments, but I submit that all those protests were not heard and all those departments were removed. Now the Chief Engineer says that those buildings are not suitable for holding offices and a few hundreds of rupees were spent to demolish what they have done. It cost a lot money and pains to construct such laborious structures some of the finest buildings of the State. There is no water, but when the offices were shifted there was plenty of water. Now they want to come back to the Town. The reasons assigned are novel. One is that they cannot exact work. The second objection is that this is not within the reach of the people who have to transact business with the Government. That is equally the case of the Training Institution also. I suppose a training institution presupposes a few primary schools or secondary schools to experiment upon children. Where are those schools? There must be some schools and there must be some students to attend. I am saying that there are no schools close by.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— There are a few schools close by. For instance there is the Villedom school.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I know you will mention that. But it is one and a half miles away. Now you want to remove the inconvenience of the public. I can understand the anxiety of the Government for making use of buildings which cost the public nearly 4 lakhs. Why not use a little more common sense at least once in your life time and make use of the building in a proper manner. What prevents you from sending your Reserve Police there? Why should you drag these school children and school masters there. The buildings were constructed for residential quarters which will accommodate nearly 100 to 120 people. It is intended for living purposes.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—That question was fully gone into.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I am representing these facts because some ray of sanity may penetrate into your skulls. If you want to make use of that building, make use of it in such a way that you shall not throw any additional trouble on our people, or else, destroy the whole building by some method, by dynamite. If you do not want the buildings you destroy the whole thing and convert it into a rubber estate. That is more paying, says my Hon'ble friend, the Member for Planters. We object to this sort of irresponsible way of shifting one institution from one place to another. We object to this irresponsible way of doing things and giving trouble to our people. If the Government is foolish let its folly not give an opportunity to get into trouble. That you are foolish there is no doubt about it. The Government that does not know its own mind and which comes forward every day with new proposals for converting one place into another, I call such a Government a foolish Government, a thoughtless Government, a Government which shows so much irresponsibility that they can give any amount of trouble to the people. Sir, though we have incurred a loss of 6 lakhs of rupees in those buildings we do not wish to spent another 25,000 rupees more in order to acquire 2 lakhs worth of trouble. We do not want this trouble.

Then I have got another objection. What is the purpose of moving a supplementary grant after the business is begun? Who asked you to begin this construction without submitting your plans and estimates here? Why are we sitting here? You have converted it into a third rate debating society and should I not criticise you ? What business have you to bring this supplementary grant here after the business is begun ? Have

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you lost all sense of decency? Here is a Government which has already begun the work, practically given the work on contract. They now come forward and say we want your sanction, we request the House to grant this amount in a very beautiful way, in a very mournful tune, in a moderate tone, in a spirit of humility and one would think that their appointments depend upon our votes. It is indeed ridiculous, it is disgraceful and I do not think it is the proper way to do business. If you want to keep the dignity of the Legislative Council, behave properly with this House. I request that the House also will refuse this grant.

* **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*— Mr. President, Sir, it is nothing but the sense of duty which compels me to stand up here to support the motion for omitting the whole grant. While on this cut we are reminded of the old history we have studied of the days of the best king of the Tuglak dynasty who thought it proper and necessary to shift the capital from Delhi to Deogiri and subsequently back again to Delhi. We had the scheme of the college buildings and we constructed it at a very high speed that we might start the college the next academic year itself. There was a change in the Diwan and there was the motion of an Hon'ble non-official Member of this House who now happens to adorn the Treasury Benches. Tables were turned and the college was not shifted on a joint report of a particularly big committee against all precedents and for some time the beautiful buildings constructed there for housing the students, residential quarters of the students, were allowed to remain there for some time. Then to satisfy the public as it were, the Government of the day thought that some offices could be conveniently shifted there. There was a wrangle between the departmental heads and Government. Many were unwilling, some anxious to go, with the result, that finally many offices were shifted. Again comes an idea that the offices have to be taken back to the town and again the question came up how to utilise the buildings. Therefore just to see that the buildings constructed at a cost of 7 to 8 lakhs are utilised, comes the idea of shifting the Training Institution. Look at the absurdity of the position, Sir.

One of the great boasts of the present Government is that they wish to associate the people more and more with the ways of the Government and the method of spending money on

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various departments. One of the greatest boasts of to-day's Government is that Advisory Committees have been constituted and that important matters will be placed before the Committee. I asked a question by way of information and I am told that this all important matter of shifting the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram has not been placed before the Advisory Committee. I ask the question why this committee has been instituted and why you boast so much on the institution of these committees. Is this a matter which you thought unnecessary to be placed before the Committee? Do you think that the Committee is constituted of gentlemen who cannot pronounce an opinion upon this? Do you think it is a matter which may be dealt with on the joint report of the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction? Is that your position, I ask. If you say yes then do away with your committees. It is I submit, in the humblest language, in the mildest language this attitude of the Government is that the Government must be ashamed of their conduct of not placing this matter before the Committee.

Then look at the thing on its own merits. As was pointed out a Training Institute contemplates certain sets of things. You want pupil-teachers. There will be no difficulty on that score. For these pupil-teachers they must have another important factory. To see that their training is properly conducted they want students. When the idea of residential college was discussed in this House there were Members in this House who suggested that in a god forsaken place like Ramavarmapuram where jackals inhabit you cannot think of getting students. Is that the ideal place for conducting the work of a training institute to train teachers fit to deal with young men in the various branches of the subjects. Are these people expected to deal with jackals? I ask you this question, how managed you to think of shifting this institute where the conditions requisite can never be satisfied. Anybody who knows anything about Ramavarmapuram and its neighbourhood will be able to say that this is one of the places where the idea of conducting a training institute can never be thought of. As was pointed out the pupil-teachers who are trained there some of them are there at the cost of the Government and some at the cost of the management of aided schools and many others at their expense. I ask, will they not find it difficult to meet their expenses however small it may be because they are out of touch with the town. On the other hand I found by looking at some papers a few days back that the village to

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which this institution is to be shifted, in which these buildings are situated contains one voter.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Only one voter?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Only one voter. That gives an idea of the inhabitants of the place. There is only one voter in that village. It is there you are going to take that Training Institution.

I beg to submit, Sir, that the idea of taking back the Government offices to Trichur Town may perhaps be good but the idea of taking the Training Institution that side is unthinkable. Expert opinion may differ from our opinion. It had been stated that the idea was put into action on the joint report of the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction. If the Government has any respect for popular opinion they should not take the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram. It will be a question of time — it has been found by experience — that it will be found that it is not possible to continue the Training Institution there and therefore we will have to go back and find another place. And the question will again come up how to bring under occupation the buildings at Anappara. What I submit is that this sort of muddle must be stopped.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South)*.— പണി തുടങ്ങിക്കഴിഞ്ഞോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷ മേനോൻ *(Chief Engineer)*.— പണി കഷ്ടിച്ചു തുടങ്ങി.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South)*.— എത്ര ഉറപ്പിക ഇതേവരെ ഗവൺമെന്റിനു ചിലവായിട്ടുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷ മേനോൻ *(Chief Engineer)*.— ഉറപ്പികയൊന്നും ചിലവായിട്ടില്ല. പണി കൺട്രാക്ട് കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South)*.— കൺട്രാക്ട് ക്യാൻസൽ ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ എത്ര രൂപാനഷ്ടംവരും.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ *(Chief Engineer)*.— അയ്യായിരം ആറായിരം രൂപായോളം നഷ്ടം വരും.

The loss will be some 5000 to 6000 rupees. The foundation in concrete has been laid. Several materials like timber, etc.

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have been collected there. There will be considerable loss if work is cancelled. The loss will be even more than Rs. 6,000.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ (*Ezhuvas South*). വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേലധ്യക്ഷനിൽ നിന്ന് ഒരു വിവരമറിയാനുള്ളതു്, ഈ ഒരു ടെയിനിംഗ് സ്കൂൾ നടത്തുവാൻ വേണ്ട കൂട്ടികൾ അവിടെ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുമോയെന്നാണ്.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— That was investigated and it was found that out of the strength of nearly 500 and odd students nearly 150 come from that locality.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*— Which is that locality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— Villedom, Viyyur, Thirur, etc.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram.)*—How far are these villages from Anappara?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— Over one mile, and in some cases a mile or even two or three furlongs. The students from those villages are coming to Trichur now and the distance for them now is greater.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Have they got schools there now?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— They are Malayalam Primary Schools. There is one now near Anappara and that will be shifted to Anappara and made part of the Training Institution.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—That also will be shifted you say. You are going to give additional trouble to those people also.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— For about 5 years the Training Institution has been asking for additional space to continue there. They say that they have no play grounds, and so on. Even for physical exercise they say they have no space. Further there is no room for residential accommodation also and out of about 100 and odd pupil teachers 75 per cent belong to places outside Trichur. Since they are away from their homes they are put up in lodges and their expenses are high.

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Mr. K. S. Panickar (*Ezhuvas North*).—All are coming from the interior.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Since they do not belong to Trichur no inconvenience or hardship will be caused to them.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Did you consult the Principal of the Training College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Yes. He made certain objections. But he said that Anappara is an ideal place for the Institution. He feared for instance the strength of the Training Institution may suffer. It is very necessary that the strength of the Training Institution should be reduced because after all a strength of more than 30 students in a class is almost unmanagable for model school purposes. We cannot get a minimum strength of 30 for each class. We intend to restrict it to 25. This strength we expect to get at Anappara.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Pazhayannur*).—If you do not get even 25, you can reduce it further.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—I have been asked a question by the Hon'ble Member for South Ezhuvas and I am explaining that. If you interrupt me in this manner I will not be able to give the details.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas South*).—Since you are not properly answering my question, you are pestered with questions from this side.

ഈ ട്രെനിംഗ് ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂഷനിൽ നൂറ കുട്ടികളുണ്ട്. അതിൽ ഇരുപ കുട്ടികൾ ഒഴിച്ചാൽ ബാക്കിയുള്ളവർ തൃശ്ശൂരിലുള്ളവരാണോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ (*Director of Public Instruction*).— ഇപ്പോൾ ഭൂരിപക്ഷം കുട്ടികളും തൃശ്ശൂരിൽ താമസക്കാരാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ (*Ezhuvas South*).— അനപ്പാറക്കു ഈ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂഷൻകൊണ്ടു പോയാൽ കുട്ടികൾ പുറത്തുനിന്നു വരാനുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—150 students will be quite sufficient. It is a model school. If it is to be run like that you should not have more than 150—200 students.

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ഈ ട്രെയിനിംഗ് സ്കൂളിൽ നൂറ കുട്ടികൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നതു് അവരിൽ മിക്കവർക്കും സ്പെഷ്യൽ കൺസഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി (*Trichur South*).— എത്ര കുട്ടികൾക്കു വേണ്ടിയാണോ ഈ അക്കാമഡേഷൻ പോരാ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു്.

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ (*Director of Public Instruction*).— നൂറ കുട്ടികൾക്കു വേണ്ടിയാണു്.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).— I was asked whether there was any reason to shift the school. We have been finding the present accommodation quite insufficient even for the pupil teachers. There are nearly 120 teachers under training and they are incurring great expenses for boarding and lodging. All that will cease if the Training Institution is shifted to Anappara.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—The institution also will cease after some time.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).— The cost of living will be considerably lessened if the Institute is taken to Anappara. From the point of view of ideal conditions of training also, this change is very salutary. Further the strength of the Training Institution is now very unmanagable and is far in excess of ideal requirements.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Why did you not restrict it before?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—The wisdom dawned upon the Department only after the preparation of the Budget.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).— The point is whether the transfer is necessary or not. I am not going into questions of constitutionalism. I argue from an educationists standpoint, and from that standpoint I think the transfer is certainly salutary. For one thing it will be possible to insist upon all teachers being residents in Trichur. Practically all training institutions have got a residential system. You take for instance the Training College at Sei-

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dapat or at Rajamandry. They are residential institutions. As it is not possible to convert the present Training Institution into a residential institution where it now is, there are facilities in the shape of hostel buildings and all that at Ramavarmapuram. It is very easy to insist upon the pupil teachers to reside there. That is a big point for consideration. Then with regard to the strength of the Training School—

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—You do not refer to the objections raised by the Principal of the Training College.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I shall just read out what the Principal says. The teachers will find it inconvenient, I mean not pupil teachers but teachers of the school who are put up at Trichur. If that principle is to be applied every teacher will have to be appointed in his own native place. Then another thing which he pressed is that there are women teachers who are under training who may suffer even from seclusion and even from the fear of ghosts.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Ghosts! Are there ghosts?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—There was a suicide there of a Government servant hanging.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—We thought that these fears of the Principal were rather exaggerated. I have no objection to read the entire letter. I can even supply a copy of the letter to the Hon'ble Member if he wants it.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*— You know the persons who are really responsible and how they view this shifting. A report may be manufactured easily. Apart from the Ghosts what does the Principal of the institute say on this?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There is a long letter a copy of which we shall furnish the Hon'ble Member with. He complained that there is too much seclusion. He finds that seclusion will not be congenial.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—What did you mean by seclusion.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Isolation; the lady teachers may be afraid of isolation.

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Then he fears there may not be sufficient strength. Our aim is not to run a big school but to give effective training to teachers.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—So the Principal does not know the elementary principle for the efficient training of the pupil teachers.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—The Hon'ble Member can make whatever inference he likes.

Mr. Deputy President.—Order, order.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—In saying that the strength of the institution will be considerably reduced, he did not take into account the existence of some schools in the neighbourhood some of which it may be possible for the Government to close down, for instance the Malayalam School at Villedom, the Nayar Samajam School, the School at Kolazhi and the school at Thirur. All these institutions are going to contribute a certain number as this school is going to be an English School. A considerable number of students will be drawn from these Malayalam School. I have made very definite enquiries to find out whether we shall be getting from these several institutions the number of students required. It is not as if it were a leap in the dark. After making a careful enquiry whether we shall have at least 150 students or not we submitted a joint report. It was only after careful consideration of the question of strength that the report was submitted. I was quite satisfied that we shall have sufficient strength for a model school even to begin with. Of course, it is true that some parents who have got interest in this matter and who have been sending their children to the Training School, will object. For one thing they get fee concessions. If they want to get these fee concessions they will have to send their children to Ramavarmapuram. There is also another consideration. In order to keep the Lower Secondary School attached to the Training Institution, the Trichur Sirkar High School is being starved. Children do not go to the Sirkar School but they are sent to the Training Institution because most of them get a fee concessson. For these reasons I do not think that public interest is going to suffer by the shifting of the school. In fact the Training Institution will be conducted in better surroundings and with greater effeciency. It will also be a benefit to the Sirkar High School, Trichur. So far as I can see this is going to be a step in the right direction.

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I think there is a serious misapprehension because Hon'ble Members were referring to the sad history of Ramavarmapuram and were saying that it will overtake this also.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Certainly, there is no doubt about it.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction.)*—I hope their eloquence will not contribute to it. But I do hope that they will desist and try to make this venture a success because it possesses all the conditions which are required for the Training Institution.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—Was the shifting of the public offices to Ramavarmapuram a temporary arrangement?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I do not know.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—It was a permanent arrangement. What will be the fate of this institution when another Diwan comes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Offices were shifted without any additional expenditure and so, much thought was perhaps not given upon that. Now this entails additional expenditure and it is done after mature deliberate consideration.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Are we to understand that all other schemes were made without mature consideration?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—When there is a building lying vacant it does not require any mature consideration to shift the public offices into it. But, here we are going to incur additional expenditure and the Chief Engineer and myself took considerable pains in the matter and we both thought that it is a step in the right direction.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—What was the direction given to the Committee?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—We had no direction. We were asked to investigate how far this question is likely to be fruitful.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Were there any terms of reference?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There were no terms of reference. As a matter of fact I have been agitating the authorities to get the Scout head quarters also transferred to Ramavarmapuram. We have no sports or camping grounds here and if that also materialises we can considerably reinforce the Training Institution scheme.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—May I know who made the suggestion of shifting the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram? How did the proposal originate?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It originated from the Government.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Date, please?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—One fine morning.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not remember the date.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—The date of the other proposal of shifting the Public Offices to Trichur, when did it originate?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Simultaneously.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—At the same time.

Mr. Deputy President—Order, order.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Sir, the subject regarding the Ramavarmapuram buildings has been elaborately discussed before this House. The question that concerns us now is whether we should incur this expenditure of Rs. 26,000 for shifting the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram. At a time when it is difficult for us to find funds for very important and urgent works and at a time when there is no doubt, the Institution at Trichur is getting on tolerably well and all public offices that were located in Ramavarmapuram are also being conducted without any serious prejudice to their efficiency, it is too much to say that we should incur an expenditure of Rs. 26,000 on this ground. If this institution is shifted from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram, of course, it is practically conceded that the number of students available in that locality will be much less than the number that is being

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taught in the institution at present. But the Director of Public Instruction tells us that the present strength of the institution, i. e., of the students, is too much for the institution to conduct it as a model one. If this idea was in the mind of the Director, before the question of the shifting came up we could have given some weight to the suggestion.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—As far as the Director of Public Instruction is concerned, the idea of shifting the Training Institution from its present location is not a new one. But the question of locating it in the Ramavarmapuram buildings is new. I have more than 3 years ago asked for permission to shift the Training Institution from the town.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Does it mean that you wanted to have greater accommodation for the institution?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I should say that we should have at least 20 or 25 acres of land and a suitable building. The present building is not very good.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Did the suggestion to remove the Institution to Anappara originate from you?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I did not suggest Anappara more than three years ago. My suggestion was that the institution should be shifted from Trichur.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—You say that you want 25 acres of land for the students of the Training Institution.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I wanted the Training Institution to be also a residential institution.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—So what I meant to submit is that the fact that these two gentlemen were appointed to go into this question without the matter being placed before the Advisory Committee does not show that the Government wanted to take into confidence the representatives of the people in this matter. Most probably, the Government wanted the public offices at Ramavarmapuram to be shifted to Trichur and

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then a Committee was appointed with the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction .....

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No Committee was appointed. These two officers were asked to go into the question and make a report.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—So these two officers were appointed to make a report and to see that the idea of shifting the public offices from Ramavarmapuram to Trichur and the shifting of the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram is made acceptable. That is why those arguments have been placed before the House and the House, generally speaking, is not inclined to accept the reasons adduced for the shifting of the public offices from Ramavarmapuram to Trichur and the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram. They are not acceptable to us. Besides it shows scant courtesy to the Council that a scheme of so much importance should be considered to be an accomplished fact without consulting the representatives of the people. Now it is placed before the House and they come and say, "we have done so many things, tenders have been called for and the work has been entrusted and they have started collecting certain things. Now we have to withdraw from it. We have now to spend about Rs. 6,000."

Of course there are many contracts cancelled after some articles have been collected and no contractor, up till now and I think if at all there are cases they are a few, where has he gone to a court of law to get the damages from Government. Of course some other work may be given to that contractor and he will in all probability be satisfied. To say that the Government will be put to loss if the work is not undertaken, certainly, is not a very serious matter, even if the Government is to lose three or four thousand rupees. It is quite possible that in the view of the coming Diwan it may be that the institution will have to be shifted back to Trichur. So instead of spending Rs. 26,000 again on those buildings, it is better that we stand to lose some 2 or 3 thousand rupees if the contract is to be cancelled.

* **Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Adur).*—Sir, I think the real position of the Government is sufficiently clarified after what we have been able to extract out of them by frequent questions. The Government thinks that the Government offices now

*Speech not corrected bythe Hon'ble Member.

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situated in the buildings at Ramavarmapuram should be shifted from that place to Trichur. Perhaps they are right in thinking so. What has been originally intended for the lepers, what has been subsequently assigned to the College, has now been found unfit for the several offices now situated in Ramavarmapuram. The Government therefore thinks it better to transfer the several offices situated at Ramavarmapuram to Trichur. For that a building is necessary in Trichur. And the only place they could perhaps think of is the present site of the Training Institution. The vacant buildings that are thereby created in Ramavarmapuram should somehow be filled up. Therefore, the poor Training Institution at Trichur has been asked to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram. In doing so, the Government pretends or thinks that the shifting of the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram is an equally paramount consideration with that of the shifting of the offices from Ramavarmapuram to Trichur. The real question is, the real thing what the Government really wants is to shift the offices from Ramavarmapuram to Trichur. In doing so, they are compelled to shift the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram. They wanted to make it appear that they want both the things equally strong. That is to say, that both considerations are equally paramount with them. Now the opinion of the Principal of the Training Institution to which the Director, the Hon'ble Member for Education referred to, is a very relevant opinion in the matter, uninfluenced and unbiased by political considerations. We, the Members of this House, are bound to attach very great weight to the opinion of the Principal. Without meaning any the least disparagement to the learning and authority of the Member for Education to refer to these matters, I submit that the expert in him is being guided by the policies governing. Therefore, in this particular matter, I think, we must be excused, if we think that the expert opinion of the Principal of the Training Institution in the matter, of the adequacy in the matter of shifting of the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram, will have greater weight with the Members of this House than the opinion expressed by the Hon'ble Member for Education. The question then is whether we must allow this proposal to transfer the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram. Sir, it was suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Education that the Training Institution which now contains more than 600 students starves the Sirkar School in Trichur and that only about 150 students are needed to enable the work of the Training

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Institution to work as a model institution. We are not prepared to believe what the Director of Public Instruction says in this matter. If, as a matter of fact, the strength of 600 students in the Training Institution was too big, was too unwieldly, was too unsuited to the model conditions required at the Training Institution, the very fact that that strength was starving the strength of Sirkar School would have induced the Director of Public Instruction to issue orders to the Institution management to restrict admission in that Institution.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—The fact is that the Training Institution has done every effort to restrict admission. I have to restrict the number of admission in each class to 40 or 45. As long as there is the fee concession, there will be complaints if further restriction is to be made.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*.—My argument is this. If the Director of Public Instruction thought before that the strength of six hundred students in the Training Institution was too great to enable the Training Institution to work as a model institution and that only a strength of 150 is required, it was not very difficult for him to so change the rules in the Educacation Code and issue orders restricting the admission to the Training Institution to 150, thus helping the Sirkar School in Trichur in getting the necessary strength. The fact is that his consideration is wrong. But the argument now is that it is of paramount consideration to Government. What the Government wants is to fill up the vacant place in Ramavarmapuram by shifting the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram. I wish very much that what the Director of Public Instruction stated in this House were true, that is to say, that the site where the buildings are situated at Ramavarmapuram gives the most model conditions possible for continuing the Training Institution there. As a matter of fact, I do not think the large number of buildings now scattered all over Ramavarmapuram would be useful for this Training Institution. I suppose new buildings are going to be constructed for housing the new Training Institution. I do not know what they are going to do with the large number of buildings now existing in Ramavarmapuram. I think there are about 232 small buildings constructed in a circle, originally intended for the lepers. Then there are 5 or 6 buildings that are now being used by the several offices. Now, in order to shift the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram, you want additional money to construct new buildings there. If as a

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matter of fact, at least something should be achieved now by this arrangement, everywhere there is inconvenience. It was originally suggested by the Government that the shifting of the several Government offices to Ramavarmapuram was a permanent affair. The Government of that time wanted it to appear that they live in it. They have therefore certainly to continue in that line till this day. Now they want these institutions to be shifted to Trichur. In doing so, I am sure the building now occupied by the Training Institution, Trichur, will not give sufficient accommodation. The Training Institution building which is now found to be insufficient to house a school of 600 students, will not be sufficient to accommodate the several offices that are going to be shifted to Trichur from Ramavarmapuram. New acquisitions will be necessary; new buildings will be necessary; new alignments will be necessary. Therefore we are going to incur large expenditure in Trichur in transferring the Government offices from Ramavarmapuram to Trichur. In shifting the Training Institution from Trichur to Ramavarmapuram, we are going to incur large expenditure there also, and over and above that, what the Government is attempting to prove is we are not going to suffer in efficiency. That is to say, I do not believe that the Primary School in Cherur, Vilvattam and the Nair Samajam School—these are all important primary schools there—these schools will be sufficient to give sufficient number of students to the pupil teachers who go to Ramavarmapuram to experiment upon. The Hon'ble Member for Education referred to the school at Kolazhy and Tirur. What will be the distance from these places to Ramavarmapuram. I think it is 4 or 5 miles.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—What I say is that these students are now taking trouble to walk a further distance to Trichur.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*.—Therefore, we are going to have a scheme which is going to land us in greater expenditure, in greater difficulties and in greater inconvenience. I, therefore, think, Sir, that the present arrangement only exposes the want of continuous and consistent policy on the part of Government as referred to by the previous speakers. I refer to the checkered history of Ramavarmapuram in the recent Cochin politics in this connection to show that that alone is imperative out of the whole discussion. To day one Government thinks or one Head thinks that it is so. To-morrow it turns in another and day after to-morrow, it turns

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towards some other new thing. I think, perhaps, we are carried back to history as referred to by my Hon'ble friend for Wadakkancheri. Certainly this is the state of things which is not very creditable either to the Government or to the public. I think the House should be justified in opposing the grant for this purpose. Over and above that the objection referred to by the Hon'ble Member for Pallipuram, that is to say, having decided upon that fact, having incurred expenses for that affair, what is the fun, what is the meaning, what is the principle, in coming to this House and asking for a supplementary grant. I would say that this is adding insult to injury. At least as a sort of protest against such tactics of the Government, this House should vote down the grant.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*.— ഫ്ഫനെ-ലെ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് അവതരിപ്പിച്ച സമയം അതിൽ ഒന്നരലക്ഷം ഉറുപ്പിക നീക്കിയിരിപ്പു കാണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ആ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് സമ്മേളനം കഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷം തുടർച്ചയായി ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള എല്ലാ സമ്മേളനങ്ങളിലും സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊണ്ടുവരാതിരുന്നിട്ടില്ല. ഈ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ഉദ്ദേശം ഒന്നരലക്ഷം ഉറുപ്പികയോളം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഫാർബറിൽനിന്ന് ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരുന്നതിൽ ലക്ഷം രൂപാ കുറവുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറുതന്നെ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. ബഡ്ജറ്റ് അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന അവസരങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം ഞാൻ ചില പ്രശ്നങ്ങളും, ദീർഘദർശനങ്ങളും പറയാറുണ്ട്. എന്റെ ആ ദീർഘദർശനമോ പ്രശ്നമോ ശരിയാക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഗവമ്മെൻറ് ഇതുവരെ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള സകല പ്രവൃത്തികൾക്കും ഞാൻ ഗവമ്മെൻറിനോടു നന്ദിപറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഒരബദ്ധം, രണ്ടബദ്ധം, നാലബദ്ധം സാധാരണ മനുഷ്യർക്കു പറ്റാറുണ്ട്, എന്നാൽ പത്തുനൂറബദ്ധങ്ങളും ഒന്നായിട്ടു പറ്റുന്നതു വളരെ വിശേഷംതന്നെ.

ഒരു നാവികൻ ഇല്ലാത്ത കപ്പൽപോലെ ആനപ്പാറയെ രാമവർമപുരമാക്കുവാൻ കുറെ അധികം പണം ചിലവുചെയ്തു. ഇനി എന്താണുവേണ്ടതെന്ന് ആലോചിച്ചപ്പോൾ അവിടെ ചില ആഫീസുകളെല്ലാം മാറാമെന്നു തീർച്ചയാക്കി. അതിന്റെ ഫലമായി അവിടെ ചിലർ തുണിച്ചുത്തു, ചിലർ പാമ്പു കടിച്ചു ചത്തു, ഇങ്ങിനെ പല വിധത്തിലുള്ള ഉപദ്രവങ്ങളെല്ലാം ഉണ്ടായി. ഞാൻ തൃശ്ശൂരിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയായിരുന്ന കാലത്തു് വനഭോജനത്തിനുപോയിരുന്ന ആനപ്പാറ രാമവർമ്മപുരമായി, ആ രാമവർമ്മപുരം ഇപ്പോൾ കാടാറുമാസം നാടാറുമാസം എന്ന മട്ടിലായി. നന്നിയോടു് മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ഡാക്ടർമാരെ ആറാറുമാസംകൂടുമ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞയക്കുന്നതുപോലെയാണ് ടെയിനിംഗ് സ്കൂൾ മാറുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെൻറു തീർച്ചയാക്കിയതു്. ഏതായാലും മാറുവാൻ തീർച്ചയാക്കി, അതിലേക്കു

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ഒരു ജോയിൻറ് റിപ്പോർട്ടണ്ടായാൽ നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നും തീരുമാനിച്ചു. ആ നിലയിൽ ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയറും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ഡയറക്ടരും കൂടി ഒരു ജോയിൻറ റിപ്പോർട്ടം സമർപ്പിച്ചു.

ഈ കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തെ ഒരു വകുപ്പദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ ഒരാളെ ഡിസ്മിസ് ചെയ്യുവാൻ ക്ലാക്കിനോട് പറഞ്ഞു. അയാളോട് എക്സ്പ്ലനേഷൻ ചോദിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നു ക്ലാക്കു പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ എക്സ്പ്ലനേഷൻ വാങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ടു ഡിസ്മിസ് ചെയ്യുക എന്നു പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. അതുപോലെ ഇതും ഏതായാലും മാറുവാൻ തീച്ചയാക്കി. ഞങ്ങളെ വഴിമാറിയിരുന്ന സവർണർ ഞങ്ങൾ വഴിമാറാതായപ്പോൾ അവർതന്നെ മാറിത്തുടങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ കുട്ടികളോട് പോകാൻ പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ പോകാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു സ്കൂൾതന്നെ അങ്ങോട്ടു മാറിക്കളയാമെന്നു തീച്ചയാക്കി. നൂറോ കുട്ടികളോളമുള്ള ആ സ്കൂളിൽനിന്നു ഏഴോ കുട്ടികളെയാണു് അയക്കുവാൻ പോകുന്നതെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അധികംപേരും ആ ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നാണു വരുന്നതെന്നും പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. അതുകപ്പാടെ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞതു മുഴുവനും അബദ്ധമാണു്.

ട്രെയിനിംഗ് ഇൻസ്ട്രക്ഷൻ നടത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യത്തിനു് സ്ഥലംപോരാതെവന്നു് ഒന്നര ലക്ഷം രൂപാ നീക്കിവെച്ചു് അതിൽ കുറച്ചെന്തെങ്കിലും ഡെബിസിറ്റ് വന്നാലും തരക്കേടില്ല, പബ്ളിക്ക് ആഫീസു മാറ്റിയാലുടനെ സ്ഥലം അക്വയർ ചെയ്വാനും കെട്ടിടം പണിയുവാനും തുടങ്ങും. അതിലേക്ക് പണവും അധികം ചിലവുവരും.

ആനപ്പാറയിൽനിന്നും ആഫീസെല്ലാം മാറുകയാണെങ്കിൽ മറെറാരു നല്ല വിദ്യയാണു് പോലീസു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറിലെ റിസർവ്വ് കാൺസ്ട്രബിളുമാരെ അങ്ങോട്ടേക്ക് മാറുന്നതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ അവർ വ-ം, ഫ0-ം പേരാണു് ഓരോ മുറികളിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നതു്, കുറെപേക്കു താമസിക്കുവാൻ സ്ഥലമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു അവക്കു താമസിക്കുവാൻ വീട്ടിൽപോകണം. ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുമ്പോൾ കണ്ടില്ലെങ്കിൽ ശിക്ഷയുമാണു്. ഇങ്ങിനെ വളരെ കഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടു കഴിഞ്ഞുകൂടുന്ന ആ കാൺസ്ട്രബിളുമാരെയെങ്കിലും ആനപ്പാറക്കു പറഞ്ഞയക്കുക. അവരെല്ലാം മുരുങ്ങിയ ശമ്പളക്കാരല്ലേ? ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപാ ഏതായാലും അവിടെ കെട്ടിടമുണ്ടാക്കുവാനായി ചിലവാക്കിയതല്ലേ? ആ സാധുക്കൾ നമ്മുടെ മാനത്തേയും ജീവനേയും കാത്തു രക്ഷിക്കുന്നവരല്ലേ? ഇവിടെ വ്യയസ്സങ്കോചകരണക്കമ്മിറിറിയുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ ഇതൊക്കെ വ്യയസ്സങ്കോചകരണമാണോ? നിസ്സാര ശമ്പളക്കാരായ ശിപായിമാരുടേയും പോലീസു് കാൺസ്ട്രബിളുമാരുടേയും ബത്തയും അലവൻസും കൊടുക്കുവാൻ സമ്മതമില്ല, ആ സാധുക്കളുടെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് അവധിക്രൂടി കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല. ചാകാൻ പോകുന്ന നിലയിൽ എത്തിയാലും അവധി കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല. ഈ നിലയിൽ അവരെ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു! എന്നിട്ടും പണമില്ലെന്നാണു പറയുന്നതു്!!. ആ സാധുക്കളുടെ കണ്ണുനീർകൊണ്ടു് കൊച്ചീ രാജ്യത്തെ നനക്കു

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വാൻ പരിശ്രമിക്കുകയും അതേസമയത്തുതന്നെ അനാവശ്യവും ബുദ്ധിപൂർവകമല്ലാത്തതുമായ ഇത്തരം പ്രവൃത്തികൾക്ക് ക്രെഡിറ്റില്ലാതെ കണ്ണുംപൂട്ടി പണം ചിലവുചെയ്യുവാൻ തീരുമാനിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ഗവർമെൻറിൻെറ മനോഭാവത്തെ ആക്ഷേപിക്കാതിരിക്കുവാൻ ആർക്കാണു സാധിക്കുക?

പൊതുജനപ്രതിനിധികളായി ഇവിടെ വരുന്നവർ നഷ്ടംവരുത്തുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കുകൂടി കയ്യും പൊക്കി കാലും ആട്ടി മടങ്ങിപ്പോകുവാനാണോ? യഥാർത്ഥ പൊതുജന പ്രതിനിധികളായി ഇവിടെ വരുന്നവരുടെ വിലയും നിലയും എന്താണെന്നുള്ളതു് ഗവർമെൻറു് കുറച്ചെങ്കിലും ആലോചിക്കണം. തീച്ചയായും അനാവശ്യമായ ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ ഗവർമെൻറു പ്രവേശിക്കേണ്ട യാതൊരാവശ്യവുമില്ലെന്നു് ഞാൻ ഗവർമെൻറിനെ ശക്തിയായി ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. പണം അനാവശ്യമായി ചിലവുവരുന്ന യാതൊരു പദ്ധതികളും ഗവർമെൻറു തൊട്ടുപോകരുതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ 80 ലക്ഷം രൂപാ കടത്തിലാണിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നും നഷ്ടമാണുള്ളതെന്നും ഗവർമെൻറു് ആലോചിക്കണം. ഇപ്പോൾ പാശ്ചാത്യരാജ്യവും പൌരസ്ത്യരാജ്യവും അയി കൊണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു് യുദ്ധം തുടങ്ങീട്ടുള്ള കാലമാണു്. എപ്പോഴാണു് അതിൻെറ ശക്തി ഇങ്ങോട്ടു വ്യാപിക്കുക എന്നു തീച്ചയാക്കാറായിട്ടില്ല. ഇതൊക്കെ ഒന്നു നല്ലവണ്ണമാലോചിക്കണമെന്നു മാത്രമേ എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളൂ.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*.— My friend, the Director of Public Instruction has stated that there is considerable inconvenience caused to the present Training Institution. Situated as it is in Trichur, it has no facilities for the accommodation of the pupil teachers, nor has it got any facilities for playgrounds and recreation grounds. The Director of Public Instruction has already stated some 3 years ago about the advisability of shifting this institution to some place other than its present location. And it is also fairly well known that the work in the Government offices at Ramavarmapuram is not going on as well as it should; because they have got to keep the correct time from 11 to 5. As you know in my office in Trichur my clarks come there at half-past nine and don't leave the office till about 6-30 or 7. But in the case of Ramavarmapuram, they generally go to the office at about half-past 11 or 11-15 and they leave office at about 5 o'clock. But if they stay even half-an our later than 5 o'clock, the last bus would have gone and they would have to walk all the way to Trichur. So that there are certain very material inconveniences for the offices to work in Ramavarmapuram and it was therefore decided that it would be best in all interests. The hostel buildings at Ramavarmapuram were constructed for

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hostels and there is a demand from the pupil teachers to reside in hostels. Therefore, it was thought very appropriate that if the Training Institution is to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram the necessity for the hostels would be satisfied without any extra expenditure and the only expenditure that we might have to incur is for the construction of a few class-rooms in Ramavarmapuram. The residence is there; there is also a good water-supply.

Then the question arose as to when to shift. It was necessary to shift as early as possible and then it became an absolute necessity to complete these buildings before the school reopens next. That gave us only about 4 or 5 months' time to complete these buildings. So it was necessary to take up the work as early as possible anticipating the approval of this House. Of course, on a purely technical ground it may be argued that the expenditure should not have been incurred before the formal assent of this House. It is really only a technical flaw I admit. But Government thought that in the light of these cogent reasons the House would give their assent to this expenditure.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—I think that I must just say a word about the inconvenience that is felt by the public offices there. There is really a great grievance. . . . . .

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—We are not responsible for this inconvenience. They themselves did it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—That is the reason why we want to remove them now. It is not all on a sudden that this question was raised. That also I can assure the House. Because I remember and I know from the files of the office of the Comptroller of Accounts, that this question had been raised by my predecessor several times; and not only that when a Special Officer was appointed to go through the work of the office of the Comptroller of Accounts and report improvements, he specifically drew the attention of the Government to this fact. Now, one or two auditors are housed in each of the small single rooms and there are partition walls between two and more rooms. Therefore none of the supervising officers is able to exercise discipline.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Did you not know that when you shifted there?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Accounts).*— What I am now informing the House is that there is real grievance and there is real difficulty in getting on with the office work. For example in the office of the Comptroller of Accounts, there are 50 Auditors, about 4 Superintendents, one Assistant Comptroller and the Comptroller. A good deal of immediate supervision is required. It is a three-storeyed building partitioned into small rooms about 8 feet square. Hon'ble Members can very well understand what sort of control supervising officers can exercise in such a building as that. And when the Auditors know very well that the chances of an immediate supervision are fairly negligible, the House can very well know how low will be the quantity and quality of the work that will come forth. Any amount of admonitions will not cure this trouble. I am sure my Hon'ble friends the Conservator of Forests and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies will testify to it. There is real difficulty there on account of the particular nature of the buildings to conduct these offices there and this question has been raised ever so many times. True all those offices were removed there. But they were done, as was pointed out, thinking that after all it might be possible to get on. But now it is found and it has been also reported on sufficient authority that it is impossible to carry on the offices there. Again, take the office of the Comptroller of Accounts. Does the House think that the whole work can be got through by simply working on working days? It is impossible. As a matter of fact I can inform the House that during the whole of this Christmas vacation all of us worked to clear off arrears. To ask them to work during holidays means that they will have to walk 5 miles this side and 5 miles that side in the hot sun. It is impossible. As for the Training Institution, there is the hostel and there will be absolutely no difficulty of this kind. It will be a self-contained unit and the children will be of that place. The Hon'ble Member for Education said that the strength required would be about 150 or 200 and there are 5 or 6 schools about this area.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I deny that point-blank.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Accounts).*— It is not possible to carry on any sort of administrative offices in that block and if it is to be perpetuated, I can only say it will be at the risk of efficiency. This was particularly re-

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ported by the Special Officer, a scheme has been adumbrated and the scheme is going to give relief to the offices and at the same time going to give a self-contained unit to the Training Institution. Therefore, there is absolutely no harm either to the institution or to the offices to effect this transfer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier *(Urakam).*—Sir, I have not much to add. When I heard the Hon'ble Member for Finance, I thought I was listening to a debate where the Hon'ble Members opposed a demand made by the Finance Member for the construction of a hall to accommodate his clerks with a view to exercise better supervision over his clerks. If, as a matter of fact, there is real difficulty in supervising the work of these officers please do construct a building by all means and ask us to agree to an additional grant of Rs. 25000. This House will only be too glad to give its consent to such a proposal.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—Because the clerks have to work even out of office hours. Otherwise it is not possible to get through the large volume of work and how will they do that? They have got these buses only on stipulated days.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier *(Urakam).*—If the real trouble is that the buses start earlier, you have simply to ask the Commissioner of Police to give them time at 5-30 and to stipulate that the buses should not start earlier than 5-30. That would have been sufficient. These are all very silly reasons as against the large array of reasons adduced here for not shifting the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram. The Principal himself who is the best authority on the subject says that it is not conducive to the interests of that institution. I am sure that if a referendum is taken among the pupil teachers, they will be decidedly against it, because I know as a matter of fact that many of them are put to serious difficulties by the shifting of that institution. The reasons advanced by the Principal of the Training Institution that the lady teachers are really afraid of ghosts are not purely sentimental and cannot be lightly brushed aside. They are really serious difficulties and the Government should certainly give sufficient weight to them. There is absolutely no case made out for the shifting of the Training Institution to Ramavarmapuram. I, therefore, request Hon'ble Members not to allow Goverument to waste good money in the name of public interest. As I said before it is only putting the thin end of the wedge. They have

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not told us what it would cost for shifting and housing the offices.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— On a point of order, Sir. The Member said that it has not been made clear what the actual commitment of the Government would be in effecting the shifting. I have said several times that total cost will be only Rs. 26,000.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—That is for the building that you are going to construct at Ramavarmapuram. You did not tell us what it would cost you for the improvements and extensions of the buildings in the present Training Institution in such a valuable and congested area as that. I therefore request the House to throw out this demand. They started the work giving scant courtesy to the opinion of this House.

Motion put and carried.

Demand was there fore lost.

26. Rs. 500 Under "36 Income-tax-contingencies—Law Charges."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— I rise to move for a supplementary demand of Rs. 500 under "36 Income Tax-Law Charges" The necessity for this additional allotment has been explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the House will be pleased to sanction the Additional allotment.

Demand put and carried.

27. Rs. 1200 by transfer to "2. C. Veterinary—Medicines and Instruments" from "2. A-8. Marketing scheme—Establishment (non-votable)"

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture)*— I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1200 by transfer to "2 C. Veterinary—Medicines and Instruments" from "Marketing scheme—establishment, Non-votable." The necessity for this additional allotment has been made out in the notes circulated among the Members of the Standing Finance

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